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Amendments to the specification:

Please delete the paragraph on page 62, lines 12-26, and insert the following replacement paragraph:

Production of recombinant baculovirus

Recombinant baculovirus expressing hOb-Re was generated using the Bac-to-Bac Baculovirus Expression System (Gibco BRL). A SacI/HindIII fragment containing the entire encoding region of hOb-Re was isolated from BO25, and ligated to the vector pFASTBacI at the SacI and HindIII sites. A second construct was made, using a Chameleon Double-Stranded Site-Directed Mutagenesis Kit (Stratagene), which differed in that it contained an 8 consecutive amino acid epitope N-Asp Tyr Lys Asp Asp Asp Asp Lys-C, sold under the trademark FLAG [epitope] (Kodak), downstream of the signal sequence cleavage site in hOB-Re. Recombinant bacmid E.coli colonies were generated and DNA for each was isolated as described by the manufacturer. The constructs with and without the FLAG epitope are designated BO47 and BO45, respectively.--